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STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE INFORMATION  
BUREAU TO THE PRESS.

October 11, 1937.

The Chinese Foreign Office issued a statement alleging that the Japanese forces used poison gas in the engagements on October 4th and 5th around Shanghai. This allegation was most emphatically denied on Monday afternoon, October 11th, by the Spokesman of the Japanese Foreign Office, who described the Chinese charge as utterly absurd.

That the Chinese are resorting to all sorts of false charges and allegations against the Japanese forces is quite understandable, the Spokesman said, because their own forces on land, sea and in the air having proved no match for the strength of the Japanese forces, the last straw to which the Chinese can cling is propaganda based on their own hallucinations.

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/s/ K. Hayashi  
signature of Official

Witness : /s/ K. Urabe

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千九百三十七年（昭和十二年）十月十一日

中國國民政府外交部ハ日本軍隊ハ十月四日及五日上海方面ノ進出ニ於テ  
毒瓦斯ヲ使用セリトノ聲明ヲ發シタ。十月十一日（月曜日）午後、日本外  
務省代議者ハコノ中國側ノ主張ヲ強く否定シ、曰クコノ中國側ノ言ヒ分ハ  
全然荒唐無稽デアルト。

代議者ノ曰ク、中國カ日本軍隊ニ對スル種々報告、又無根據ナル主張ヲ  
ナス理由ハ分ル、何故ナラバ中國軍隊ハ陸海空何レニ於テモ日本軍隊ノ取  
ニ非ザルコトカ明ナリト表ハレ、中國カ最後ノ裏ト顧ミ得ルモノハ自己ノ  
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